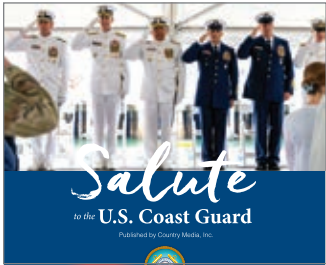


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Patriotism on Parade



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A duo of patriotic equestrians wave to the crowds as they make their way in the Dallas Days Parade July 25. For more photos from the parade that celebrated both Dallas and America's 250th Anniversary, see page B1.

Independence City Councilor Marilyn Morton dies



The city of Independence announced Monday the sudden passing of longtime City Councilor Marilyn Morton.

Morton served on the city council for nearly 25 years, including as council president. In addition, she served on several community boards, was involved with local fundraising groups, created the annual Ghost Walk event, produced the monthly 2CIC publication, and shared a love of local history. She is also the author

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Dallas Food Bank wins the Battle of the Badges



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The Dallas Police Department team of Sgt. Kyle Buchholz (left) and Officer Justen Roberts fill their cart with paper items from their list during the annual Battle of the Badges competition at the Dallas Grocery Outlet to collect items for the Dallas Food Bank on July 22.

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The Battle of the Badges competition between the Dallas fire and police departments was designed to test their mettle in agility, communication and accuracy.

The fourth annual affair played out in the aisles

of Grocery Outlet July 22. Jason Thornton, store owner, and president of the Dallas Food Bank Board of Directors, devised the competition as part of his store's "Independence from Hunger" campaign that runs through the end of July. This year, Thornton set a goal of raising \$15,000 in donations of food

and funds to benefit the Dallas Food Bank.

Eddie Nelson, food bank treasurer, said the food bank's need continues to grow.

"People that we've never seen before are coming in," she said. "With the SNAP benefits changing, the cost

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Wildfire causes 'significant loss' to Xmas tree farm

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Around 2 p.m. on July 21, Don Beal was deep into his daily tasks at his farm off Oak Villa Road when his day quickly turned abnormal. Smoke was billowing up on the other side of his oak trees.

"I was actually alerted to it when two guys came running down my driveway," Beal said.

A fire had started behind

his property that was growing quickly.

"It grew very quickly," Beal added.

The conflagration eventually scorched 60 acres across three different property owners. Fifteen of those were on Beal's farm, which these days primarily grows Christmas trees for wholesale.

"Ten acres lost were Christmas trees. The other

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Shoot to Thrill returns AC/DC energy to Riverview audience

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Polk County Itemizer-Observer

If you think tribute bands get a free pass, think again.

Tribute bands like Shoot to Thrill — the Northwest's answer to AC/DC — face a towering challenge every time they hit the stage. Devoted fans know every riff, stomp, and lyric belted out by Brian Johnson and his rock 'n' roll mates. They expect nothing less from those paying homage.

Shoot to Thrill once again takes on the AC-DC challenge, as the River's Edge series continues its 2026 season July 31.

The show kicks off at 8 p.m., Riverview Park amphitheater, in Independence. Admission is \$10 per adult. Children 10-and-under are free. Music starts at 6 p.m. with The Archived, playing one-hit wonders from the 1980s.

Shoot to Thrill has honed a simple, but demanding formula for success: stay true to the

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News Briefs



Alonzo Rowell
DALLAS MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR MURDERING BROTHER

Alonzo Rowell, of Dallas, was sentenced July 24 to life in prison for the 2024 murder of his brother.

Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael A. Caso, who handed down the sentence to Rowell, 52, also required him to serve a minimum of 30 years in prison before he is eligible to be considered for parole.

In addition to murder in the second degree,

Rowell, had been found guilty after a jury trial on June 26 of assault in the first degree, unlawful use of a weapon, and reckless endangering another person. Caso sentenced Rowell to serve concurrent sentences on each of those charges.

Rowell fatally shot his brother, Tony Miller, 54, at Miller’s Dallas residence on Nov. 9, 2024, before driving to Rowell’s former workplace, the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem. There, Rowell engaged in a short stand-off with the Salem Police and other law enforcement agencies before being taken into custody.

The case was prosecuted by District Attorney Aaron Felton, Chief Deputy District Attorney Matthew Wilson, and Deputy District Attorney Kaylee Hudson. The case was investigated by the Dallas Police Department, Salem Police Department, Oregon State Police and



Philip Mancuso
DALLAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING MINOR

A Dallas man was sentenced July 23 to prison for sex abuse convictions against a minor.

Philip Mancuso, 37, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael A. Caso to serve 50 years in prison for his convictions of sex abuse, sodomy and incest involving a minor victim under

the age of 12.

After a trial to the court, Caso found Mancuso, of Dallas, guilty of four counts of sodomy in the first degree, two counts of sex abuse in the first degree, and one count of incest. Mancuso was sentenced to serve 300 months on each of the sodomy charges, (two counts consecutive), 75 months on each of the sex abuse charges (concurrent), and 30 months on the incest charge (concurrent). He will also be required to serve a lifetime period of post-prison supervision upon his release and to register as a sex offender.

Mancuso is not eligible for early release or any other form of sentence reduction program under state law.

Investigation and prosecution of this matter began in 2024 based on an initial report to DHS Child Welfare authorities. Ultimately, Mancuso was

located in the state of Ohio after the issuance of a grand jury warrant and returned to Oregon by Polk County Sheriff’s deputies to stand trial.

The case was investigated by the Dallas Police Department, Polk County Sheriff’s Office, Salem Police Department and the Fairfield County (Ohio) Sheriff’s Office. Assistance was also provided through the Oregon Department of Human Services (Child Welfare Division) and the Governor’s Office of Extraditions. The case was presented by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS OFFICIALS NEEDED

As more boys and girls turn out for their high school sports teams, the call for more officials always follows. Top to bottom, the need for prep officials in all sports is great. This school

year, there will be football games, volleyball matches, soccer matches and cross-country runs, all needing officials. There is no age limit, just a heart to give back to your prep sports community. Best part, you’ll have a view of the unfolding action right before your eyes and get paid as well.

Veterans take note, using the Mike Pereira “Battlefields to Ballfields Program,” all of your training, clothing and even the whistle, can be paid for. What started as a small pilot program in California has grown into a national movement, transforming the lives of over 2,500 veterans across 45 states. OSAA’s mission remains to honor military service by creating new opportunities for veterans to serve their communities.

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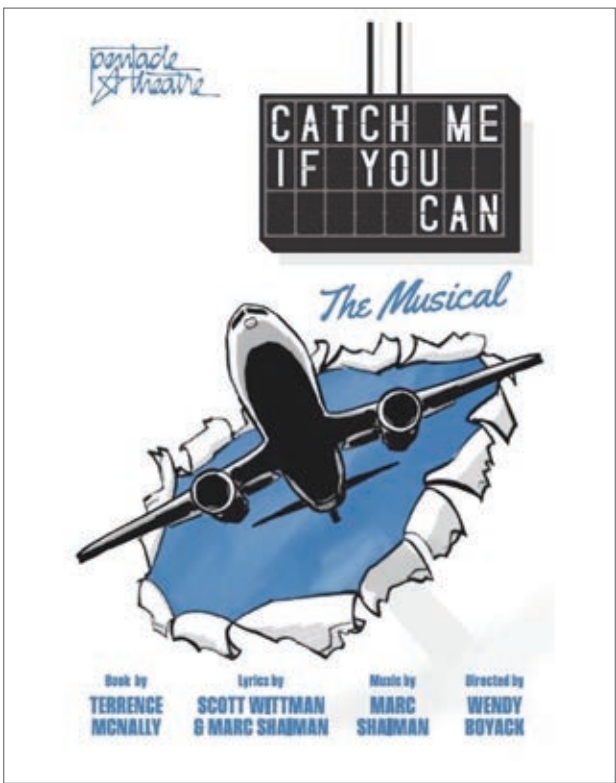
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Pentacle Theatre’s ‘Catch Me If You Can’ opens Aug. 14

Pentacle Theatre’s 2026 season continues with the debut of “Catch Me if You Can.”

Based on the hit film and the incredible true story, “Catch Me If You Can” is the high-flying musical comedy about chasing your dreams and not getting caught. Directed at Pentacle Theatre by Wendy Boyack, “Catch Me If You Can” has been nominated for four Tony awards, including Best Musical. This delightfully entertaining show was created by a Tony Award-winning “dream team,” with a book by Terrence McNally (The Full Monty, Ragtime) and a swinging score by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman (Hairspray).

The story centers on precocious teenager, Frank Abagnale, Jr., who, seeking fame and fortune, runs away from home to begin an unforgettable adventure. With nothing more than his boyish charm, a big imagination and \$1 millions in forged checks, Frank successfully poses as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer – living the high life and winning the girl of his dreams. When Frank’s lies catch the attention of FBI agent, Carl Hanratty,



though, Carl pursues Frank across the country to make him pay for his crimes.

- Meet the cast:
- Frank Abagnale Sr. – Hunter Moate
 - Agent Carl Hanratty – Jeff Witt
 - Frank Aagnale Sr. – Mat Genuser
 - Paula Abagnale – Shiela Troncoso
 - Brenda Strong – Ara Duddleston
 - Carol Strong – Heather Belling
 - Roger Strong – Alex Zitzelberger
- “Catch Me if You Can”

runs Aug. 14 - Sept. 15, at Pentacle Theatre, 324 52nd Ave. NW with evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and matinee performances at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$24 to \$50 and can be purchased online at tickets.penatacletheatre.org or by calling (503) 485-4300. Students and people who hold an Oregon Trail Card are eligible for a 50 percent discount in select seating areas when buying tickets in person at the Pentacle Theatre ticket office, 197 Liberty St. SE, in downtown Salem.

Smoke, wildfires impacting road safety across Oregon

By OEM

With wildfire activity increasing across Oregon during the 2026 season, state officials are urging travelers to use extreme caution and remain aware of rapidly changing conditions. Heavy smoke can severely reduce visibility, worsen air quality, and create hazardous and unhealthy driving situations. In several areas, fire activity has already resulted in temporary road closures, reduced speed zones and detours.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) continue working together to keep Oregonians safe — and they’re asking the public to take steps to prepare before hitting the road.

“If you’re planning a road trip this summer, make sure your car is ready,” said Alaina Calhoun, Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) Manager for the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM). “Start your trip with a full tank of gas or a full electric charge,

check your tires and air conditioner, and know your route ahead of time. Conditions can change quickly during wildfire season.”

OEM encourages travelers to carry a well-stocked emergency car kit in case of delays or unexpected closures.

A car kit should include:

- Jumper cables
- Flares or a reflective triangle
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Blanket
- Map or printed directions
- Cell phone and car charger
- Backup power supply
- Hand-crank weather radio (modern ones double as backup cell phone power)
- N95 respirator (to help filter smoky air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (for sheltering in place if needed)
- Wet wipes, garbage bags, and toilet paper
- Whistle to signal for help
- Water and non-perishable snacks
- Cash or traveler’s checks
- Portable shovel

The Oregon Health Authority also advises keeping the air inside the vehicle as clean as

possible when air quality is poor. Keep windows closed. Turn the air settings to recirculate and run the fan. Avoid smoking or vaping, and scented fresheners inside the vehicle. These can add to pollution inside the car. If it is hot outside, be sure to turn on the vehicle’s air conditioner – and set it to recirculate – to keep the temperature and air quality inside safe.

“We all have a role to play in preventing wildfires in Oregon, especially as extended drought conditions create a greater window of opportunity for roadside ignitions,” said Kacey Davey, ODOT Lead Public Information Officer. “Smoke affects visibility as well as air quality and can lead to sudden changes in driving conditions. If visibility is poor or air quality is hazardous, consider delaying your trip. Safety should always come first. If you must drive in smoky conditions, keep windows closed and set your car’s air system to recirculate to reduce the amount of smoke entering the vehicle.”

For more resources and wildfire readiness information, go to <https://wildfire.oregon.gov>.



Four things to remember when babyproofing your home for your toddler

Babyproofing your home doesn’t have to feel overwhelming. Here are just a few things to keep in mind when creating a safe space for your little one to explore with confidence.

1. **Get down to your baby’s level.** Look for hazards you might miss from above. Cover electrical outlets, secure heavy furniture to the wall and install safety gates at stairs. According to HealthyChildren.org, anchoring items like dressers and TVs is the best way to prevent tipping accidents.
2. **Look around your kitchen.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises storing medications, chemicals and sharp objects out of reach and in

childproof containers. Keep those cleaning supplies locked away and use stove knob covers.

3. **Don’t forget the bathroom.** Set your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit to avoid burns and use nonslip mats in the tub.
4. **Small changes add up quickly.** Doorknob covers, cabinet locks and corner guards can make everyday spaces much safer.

You’ve got this. With a few smart adjustments, your home can become a safe, happy place for your baby to learn, play and thrive. Go to [healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org) and search parent checklist for more tips.

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Red Cross declares national blood shortage crisis

Donors receive Amazon gift card through August

For only the second time in history, the American Red Cross has declared a national blood crisis — and patients may already be feeling the impact. Donors are asked to act immediately to help save lives.

Blood donations have fallen to a four-year summer low, worsening this season's emergency blood shortage. All blood types

are needed, but the situation is especially dire for type O blood as the Red Cross is now limiting distributions of these blood products to hospitals. The supply of type O positive blood has now dropped below a one-day supply.

Help end this crisis and stabilize the blood supply. Book an appointment to give blood now by using the Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you, all who come to give by July 31 will receive a Fandango

Movie Ticket by email (up to \$15 ticket price and fees). See RedCrossBlood.org/July for details.

Additionally, those who come to give in the month of August will receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. For details, visit www.RedCrossBlood.org/August.

Patients can't wait

Despite thousands of people who have stepped up to help end the emergency blood shortage since it was declared earlier this month, donations are still not keeping pace

with hospital demand, and the situation has escalated. Extreme heat, poor air quality and widespread foodborne illnesses continue to contribute to lower donor turnout this summer.

"This summer has brought a number of unique challenges that have placed additional strain on our blood supply, creating growing concerns for hospitals and the patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions," said Paul Sullivan, senior vice president of donor services for the

Red Cross. "If just three more donors gave at each blood drive this summer, we could help the blood supply rebound and ensure hospitals have the blood products they need throughout the remainder of the season."

- POLK COUNTY DONATION DATES**
- Dallas**
- Aug. 7, 12-5 p.m., Dallas Retirement Village, 225 NW Jasper St.
 - Aug. 10, 12:30-6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens

- St.
- Aug. 14, 12-4:30 p.m., Grocery Outlet, 258 Ellendale Ave.
- Independence**
- July 31, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Polk County Fire District No. 1, 1800 Monmouth St.
 - Aug. 4, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1275 E St.
- West Salem**
- Aug. 14, 12-5 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Monmouth Stake Salem-Eola, 3154 Eola Dr. NW

Oregon residents reminded to be ready for power outages

By OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

With wildfires burning across the state and extreme weather events affecting communities, residents are reminded to prepare for potential power outages. These events can damage electrical equipment or force utilities to adjust system settings, which may lead to more frequent or longer outages. In some high-risk areas, utilities may implement public safety power shutoffs (PSPS), a safety measure designed to help protect people and communities in high fire-risk areas by proactively shutting off electricity. Utilities may also de-energize lines to protect equipment or to support firefighting efforts.

BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE

Prepare your home and businesses in the event a wildfire or weather incident leads to a power outage.

Be two weeks ready – Gather food, medical supplies, batteries, pet supplies, among other things, needed by family members during an outage or evacuation for up to two weeks. Learn more about what supplies to consider.

For individuals with a medical condition that requires power, contact your electricity service provider in advance of an outage to register a Medical Certificate. This certification provides added benefits and helps the utility ensure they meet your needs in the event of an outage.

Update your utility account on your service

provider's website to make sure they have your current contact information and can send you notifications. If uncertain which electric utility serves your area, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/energy-oregon/pages/find-your-utility.aspx>.

Keep cell phones fully charged in anticipation of an outage. Consider a car-charger for cell phones and other electronic devices.

Plan for livestock water needs in the event well pumps lose power.

Have a plan to relocate to an alternative location for power needs, or if you can, consider a backup generator.

DURING A POWER OUTAGE

Avoid downed power lines, including anything near downed lines, at all

costs.

Stay clear of fire personnel and utility crews working to restore service in your community.

Use flashlights or battery-operated lanterns for emergency lighting. Do not use candles or other potential fire hazards.

Turn off lights and unplug electric appliances except for the refrigerator and freezer to help avoid a surge to the system when service is restored. After turning off all the lights, turn one light on to know when power has been restored.

Use generators safely – Do not run the generator inside the home or garage or anywhere near a window or vent, as these spaces can capture deadly levels of carbon monoxide. Learn more about proper use of a generator to avoid hazardous conditions.

Check on elderly neighbors or individuals with special needs who might need additional assistance.

Call your electricity service provider to report an outage; do not call 911.

NATURAL GAS TIPS

If required to evacuate, no need to shut off natural gas.

If natural gas appliances do not operate properly once electricity is restored, call your natural gas service provider.

If natural gas service is shut off, do not turn on yourself. Call your natural gas service provider to restore service.

If you smell natural gas, evacuate immediately and call 911.

STAY INFORMED AND BE PREPARED

The best preparation is

to not start a fire in the first place. Visit Keep Oregon Green's website to learn more about how you can prevent wildfires.

Contact your electricity provider or log in to your account and make sure all contact information is current so you can receive alerts and messages.

Visit Oregon Alert to find your local alert system. Provide current contact details and sign up for wildfire alerts.

Before traveling visit Trip Check for details on road closures and conditions.

Check air quality in Oregon.

Visit State of Oregon Fires Dashboard

Be 2 Weeks Ready by preparing an emergency plan and enough supplies to sustain your household for at least two weeks after a disaster.

OBITUARIES



Abraham Jonathan Toews

ABRAHAM JONATHAN TOEWS

Abraham Jonathan Toews, 93, of Dallas, Oregon passed away on July 14, 2026. Abe was born in Dallas on December 10, 1932, to Abe and Agnes {Fast} Toews.

Abe grew up on a farm in Salt Creek. He attended Orchard View school, grades 1-8 and

Dallas High School after that where he graduated in 1950. Right out of high school, Abe went to work for Caterpillar as a Machinist and later promoted to an office job as a Time Analyst. He married Darlen {Balzer} in 1952 and they had 4 children. In 1953, Abe served 2 years in the US Army as a medic, driving ambulance. He was

stationed at Fort Erwin in Barstow, California. After leaving the Army, he and Darlene moved back to Dallas where he went back to work for Caterpillar until early retirement in 1988 when the Dallas plant closed.

Abe had a lifelong passion for cars. A new one could be found in his driveway almost yearly. He had a great talent

for autobody repair and painting. He and Darlene enjoyed traveling on his Honda Goldwing motorcycle as well as in their Motorhome.

Abe is preceded in death by his wife Darlene and his 2 sons, Randy and Jon. His father Abe and his mother Agnes, 2 brothers, Ed and Ted and 3 sisters, Lorene Schrag, Freida Fast and

Agnes Warkentin. Abe is survived by his 2 daughters, Cindy Antel and June Radke as well as 6 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

A graveside service will be held on July 29 at 11 a.m. at Dallas Cemetery followed by a light lunch reception at Bollman's Tribute Center.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Special Memories: Black Beauty

By GARY DEROWITSCH

It's black, sleek, and a creature of both day and night. It is rare and seldom seen. To own one is to sit on the back of a thoroughbred. Every part of it screams "fast;" and to mount this beast is to immediately know it's something different — something from another universe.

It has no respect for anyone and is difficult to tame; it is a racehorse on steroids. To ride one is to

know you have entered a different world, a world where there are no rules, just survival. Only a fool would push it to its limits, and to do so might, more likely than not, end you up at the local morgue.

To experience it is to receive a lesson on how not to mess with your heart. From calm one moment to a shot of adrenaline the next, it is unpredictable. And if you insist on spurring its flanks, you'll find your heart desperately trying to remove

itself from your anatomy, while you try to regain your breath.

Then, when your body settles down, you will ask yourself, "What in God's name just happened?"

One should approach it with caution. It responds to commands instantly; the more you push, the more it gives. It might be appropriate at this time to point out that with this creature of unlimited power, there may be points of no return. If you think you're more talented than the energy

beneath you, you are sorely mistaken.

Your first lesson is to realize everything you ask of it will be delivered. It has no understanding of how to look out for your safety; that's not even a part of its evolution. You are the one who controls it, not the other way around.

To refer to it as a beast is an understatement. It will allow you to jump aboard but never warns you exactly what you've gotten yourself into. There

is no lack of power; it is quick, fierce, has a thirst for speed, and never runs out of breath. Every fiber of its creation has been designed to outperform anything around it. Every square inch of it screams fast!

It takes time to learn and understand all of its functions, and how and when to apply them. Even then, it has a habit of quickly reminding you: your education is never over.

To have the privilege of actually owning one,

you quickly realize you have something very special — in more ways than one, it's perhaps more than you can handle. The most important thing to remember is that this unadulterated expression of power demands respect. If you lose that respect, you will more than likely lose your life.

May I introduce to you the 2026 Corvette Z06!

Gary Derowitsch retired from the Post Office in Monmouth after 33 years. He still lives in Monmouth

No, Oregon elections are plenty secure

RANDY STAPILUS
Oregon Capital Chronicle

When Dennis Richardson was elected Oregon secretary of state, on the same day and party ticket as Donald Trump first was elected president, he moved quickly to look into a subject Trump talked about then and ever since: Voter fraud and election corruption.

The following February, Richardson reported what he found in the Oregon voting system: Some areas for improvement, but generally a system that works well and cleanly. Once a skeptic of the Motor Voter registration system, he had revised his view, saying it "actually has strengthened us in some ways."

He warned against unfounded claims of voting problems because "it causes greater distrust of the government. ... I want to make sure that the citizens of the state can trust their (voting) system."

Richardson did not stop looking for bugs in the system, however, and he found some. In September 2017, he reported his office had found 54 possible instances of voter fraud, across Oregon, in the previous year's general election — in an election where 2,051,448 ballots were cast, or about 0.002%. And those were simply questionable votes. Upon investigation, nearly all cases were found not to merit criminal charges.

In 2020, the Legislative Fiscal Office reviewed vote by mail in Oregon and found the state attorney general's office (which handles cases of voter fraud) "obtained 38 criminal convictions for voter fraud out of the 60.9 million ballots in Oregon elections cast over a 19-year period. That amounts to a rate of .00006%. These figures demonstrate that voter fraud is exceedingly rare in Oregon, and is no more widespread in vote by mail elections than it is in polling place elections."

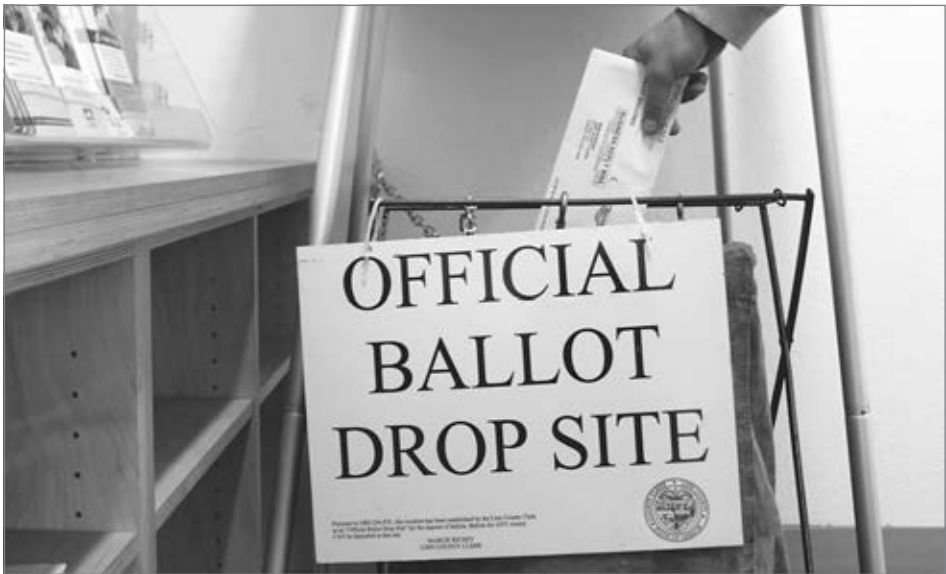
For some Oregonians — and other people around the country — all this still doesn't feel quite

right. Getting ballots through the mail, and sending them out that way (though many people, myself included, prefer to use one of the state's ballot boxes) somehow intuitively doesn't seem very secure, not in the same visible way filled-out ballots are when quickly dropped in a locked box at a polling place in front of poll workers.

The Trump administration has piled on, implicitly accusing many states, Oregon among them, of failing to keep people who shouldn't be voting from casting ballots.

Across the border in Idaho, state officials like those in Oregon have declined to provide to federal officials some sensitive voter information. That has led to federal legal action, and as in Oregon threatening letters were sent from the Trump Department of Justice. In Trump-supportive Idaho the attorney general's office replied with the rebuke, "Stop threatening your friends in Idaho."

Evidently, threatening states which voted against Trump would be less objectionable, although Oregon (like many other



A voter turns in their ballot at a dropbox located at the Albany Public Library. (Mia Maldonado / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

states) has also objected strongly.

Intuitive or not, the Oregon voting process is secure.

Bear in mind that most election administration happens at the county level. Clerks in Oregon's 36 counties are most directly responsible for distributing ballots and counting those returned, and the process is handled by local people. The secretary of state, who does have responsibility for overseeing election processes, is mainly concerned with ensuring the counties are acting

properly. That's worth remembering: Any claim that elections have been corrupted is really an accusation that all our county clerks have been — and there's no evidence of that.

The statewide system seems robust. Each ballot has a unique bar code, and they are tracked through the system. (During election periods, voters can obtain notices from the state about when their ballot was received by county officials, and where it is in the system.)

The 2020 legislative audit said "There are

numerous processes built into Oregon's vote by mail system to ensure integrity, including unique barcodes to track ballots, signature verification to prove voters' identities, and election security plans filed by county elections offices. Vote by mail also leaves a paper trail that can be audited. In fact, two academic studies have concluded that the election results in vote by mail elections are generally more accurate than the election results in polling place elections."

Cyberattacks are

always a threat, but so far the system seems well protected (and regularly reviewed), and the core counting and related processes aren't linked to the internet.

On the back end, the initially-reported election results are rechecked in several ways. Since 2008 the state has overseen after-election audits which include human hand counts to verify the accuracy of the machine counts. Many other states take similar steps, and around the nation the results have been generally the same: Mistakes are rare.

To be human-made and human-operated is to be less than perfect. But the babble from the beltway notwithstanding, Oregon's mechanisms for voting come remarkably close.

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JULY 21	- 100	61	0.00
JULY 22	- 89	65	0.23
JULY 23	- 83	61	0.00
JULY 24	- 87	58	0.00
JULY 25	- 76	54	0.00
JULY 26	- 81	54	0.00
TOTAL JULY 20-26			0.23
TOTAL THROUGH JULY 26			- 0.26

Online poll results

What is your favorite part of Dallas Days?

The parade - 27.3%

The car show - 36.4%

Art in the Park - 27.3%

The Waterball Tourney - 9.1%

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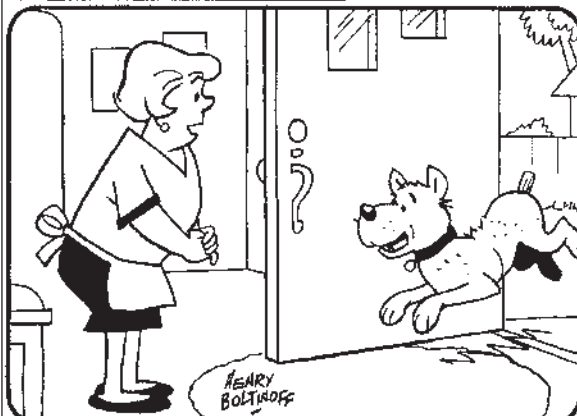
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A SLICE OF A CHEESE WHEEL.

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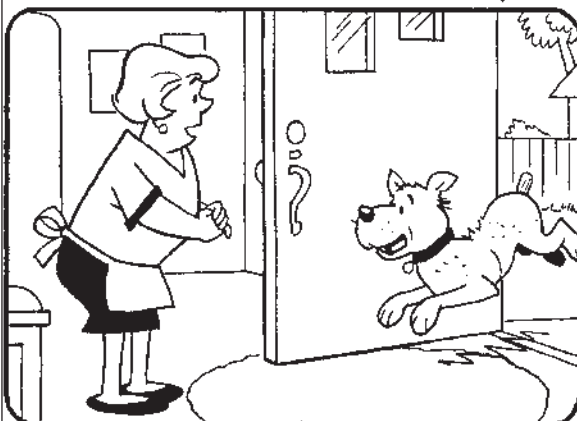
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Find at least six differences in details between panels



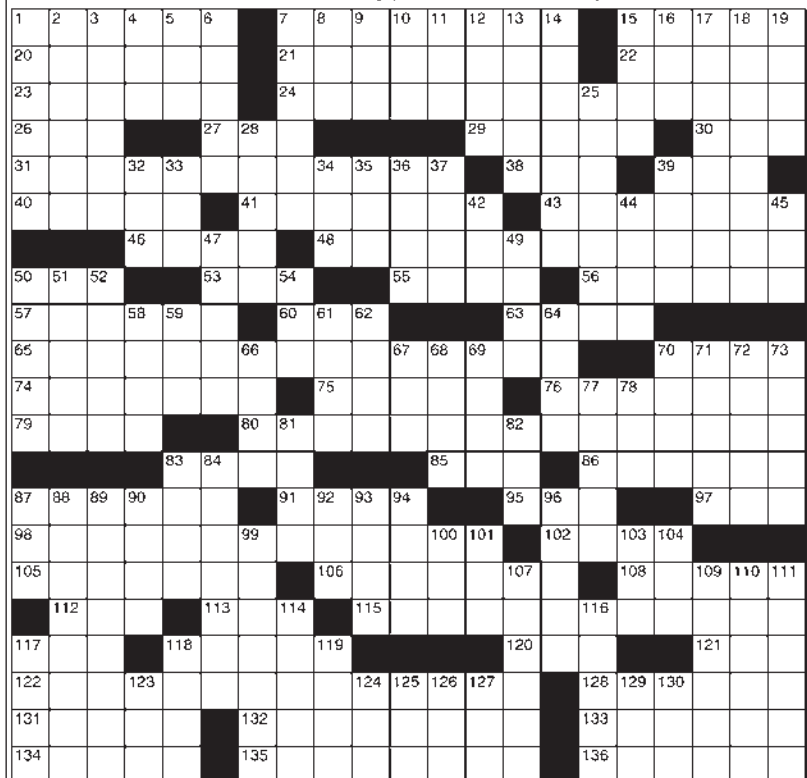
Differences: 1. Dog's leg is moved. 2. Woman's leg is moved.
3. Bush is reversed. 4. Arms are higher. 5. Dog's ear is different.
6. Fence has more boards.

Super Crossword

LEAVE AT THE END

ACROSS

1 Lambastes	60 Wane	119	made with	7 Make a pick	49 Toe feature	90 co-host Kotb
7 Poppycock	63 "Devil Inside"	rock band	vegetable	8 Bathroom, in Bristol	50 In battle	94 Move
15 Earth model	65 Is completely harmless	117 81-Down	"hearts"	9 "Honest" prez	51 Given to sulking	96 "The Fisher King" actress
20 Larynx locale	70 Volcanic stuff	118 Guy who's a spin doc	10 Golfing gop	11 Stuff making a big bang	52 Puritanical type	97 Rappers and poets, e.g.
21 Tango cousin	74 Enlarged	120 Flging great	12 Former NPR talk show	54 Sily chuckle	58 Bits of land in la mer	100 Make a picnic
22 "Whoopee!"	75 On terra —	121 Sinus-probing doc	13 Domains	59 Fielder Roush	61 Well-muscled	103 Squid's squirt
23 Altered totally	76 Neighbor of	122 Having paid to be freed	14 Hand-reading fortuneteller	62 "I say!" sayor	64 Russian "no"	104 Act
24 For an	77 Some dark breads	123 Luminosity	15 Ob—	65 Cubes in miso soup	66 Give it a whirl	109 City in west Texas
26 Angry feeling	80 Exactly even division	128 Old dog star	16 Time delay	67 Decent	68 Dual radio designation	110 Having more climbing plants
27 Prefix with ch or tour	83 Brilliant feat	131 Not reactive	17 "No kidding?"	69 Indirect	70 Many circuits	111 Best-suited
29 Papas' mates	85 Med. scan in a large tube	132 Expunges	18 Broth made by stewing	71 Off-the-shelf	72 "Ta-da!"	114 Anwar with a Peace Nobel
30 Gratlon's "— for Evidence"	86 Pesto herbs	133 Pack-carrying beasts	19 Past periods	73 Dilettantish	74 "The Circle"	116 Gressed up
31 Video game in which players ride in skateparks and splash color around	87 Mythical twin of Pollux	134 Stopped from wobbling	20 Old breakfast cereal brand	75 Handful with pen or punk	76 D.C.'s home	117 Opera tune
32 Use a few	91 They go with ooohs	135 What the last words of eight key conspirators in this puzzle	21 Things rolling in the aisle	77 Apple table	78 In shape	118 Butterfly
33 "Dino" star	95 Two nifer uno	136 What the	22 Handful with pen or punk	78 D.C.'s home	79 In shape	119 Lymph bump
34 Mince	97 Cozy's	137	23 Handful with pen or punk	79 In shape	80 Trendy	120 Actress
40 Filmmaker Perry	98 Fortable boat engine	102 Literary Leon	24 Handful with pen or punk	80 Trendy	81 Specchifiers	124 Actress
41 Feature of a carrot-top	102 Literary Leon	103	25 Handful with pen or punk	81 Specchifiers	82 Buz, onties	125 Sinful
43 Views more	105 Covert	DOWN	26 Handful with pen or punk	82 Buz, onties	83 Devices	126 Folk rocker
44 text, perhaps	106 New, in Italy	1 Not lenient	27 Handful with pen or punk	83 Devices	84 Reproducing signatures	127 Difraanco
46 Salamander	108 New, in Italy	2 Sundac topper	28 Handful with pen or punk	84 Reproducing signatures	85 Spires	128 Cola cubas
48 Make distress	110 New, in Italy	3 Difficult experience	29 Handful with pen or punk	85 Spires	90 Ski lift type	129 Exist
50 Hype (up)	112 Atop, to bards	4 Bathroom, in Bristol	30 Handful with pen or punk	90 Ski lift type	92 Org. for docs	130 Devalitize
53 Volcanic stuff	113 Yiddish cries of lament	5 "Dapper" guy	31 Handful with pen or punk	92 Org. for docs		
55 Large couch			32 Handful with pen or punk			
56 Funnywoman			33 Handful with pen or punk			
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals L

YCWI PKQCI DAB RWEE ICN
KUAENUI WUVYNV ICWI WON
QKXNU MD PKVMNCWXXUQ
RCKESONU? MOWIIKIBSN.

**Puzzle answers
on page B2**

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

UZKW VRMARMJ XEE ZTB
QXFU ZTXZ FKI NXM'Z AK
UKYBZTRMJ XMA VRMA XEE
ZTB QXFU ZTXZ FKI NXM.

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Out on a Limb

HERE COMES
THE ZEN
(DOOT-N-DO-DO...)

Amber Waves



OH BOY, I CAN'T WAIT TO
GET HOME AND SHOW MY
PARENTS MY REPORT CARD!

I BET THEY PUT IT UP ON THE FRIDGE FOR EVERYONE TO SEE!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

PROBABLY JUST
FIND A GOOD
HIDING PLACE

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

IT'S A RIDDLE. MY WIFE IS MAD BECAUSE I
DON'T KNOW WHAT I DID TO UPSET HER. I CAN'T
JUST GUESS OR SHE'LL HAVE 5 MORE REASONS.



by Gary Kopervas

I CALL MY SNEAKERS, "VANS"

I CALL MY
UNICYCLE
A "SANDAL"

by Dave T. Phipps

WILDFIRE
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acreage were the oak trees where their pumpkin patch used to be,” Beal said.

His initial estimates were that between 5,000 to 6,000 trees were lost to the flames.

“Many of them were going to be sold this year, with more spoken for, for several years to come,” Beal said. “As far as financial hit, I don’t know yet. But it will be a significant loss to the business.”

For years, Don and his wife Jo Ann operated a pumpkin patch that was an annual regional draw, especially for local students, visiting by the bus load. The duo retired in 2023 to concentrate on family.

This is not the first time the couple’s Christmas tree farm, which they first opened in 2011, has had a brush with wildfire. During

the pandemic, the farm survived after being inundated with wildfire smoke, necessitating Jo Ann and Don to scrap and replant the whole crop.

This goaround, the fire grew beyond his ability to fight it himself. Southwest Polk Fire District first responders were quickly augmented by units from Dallas, Grand Ronde, Yamhill County and Salem, according to Dallas Fire Chief April Wallace.

She said SW Polk quickly assessed the extent of the heat source and how hot it was burning.

“So they immediately upgraded that fire to get them more resources, which triggered my organization to respond, along with other local organizations, too,” Wallace told the media at the time.

At its peak, about 60 firefighters were on scene trying to contain the blaze. In addition, a

water-carrying helicopter was flown in from Roseburg to assist.

By 3 p.m., the Polk County Sheriff’s Office closed Oak Villa Road between Kings Valley Highway and East Ellendale Avenue.

While the fire became too big to help fight, Beal said he tried to remain useful.

“I basically ran around on my side-by-sie, offering water to the fire personnel on their breaks,” he said.

By 7:30 p.m., the main fire was 50 percent contained and fire crews were being released from the scene, Wallace said.

“While the main fire was out by evening, there were multiple hot spots through the night,” Beal confirmed. “Fire personnel remained on scene, not necessarily actively fighting the fire.”

He also complimented the firefighters for their efforts, as none of his farm’s many buildings and homes sustained any

damage.

“All the firefighters did an amazing job drawing a hard line, saving all of them,” Beal said.

When the Beals went to their social page to update the community on the farm’s status, some quickly offered to start up a GoFundMe page to help them recover.

Jo Ann would have none of that, politely declining any offers of assistance. Don was unsurprised by the offer of charity.

“This community is so awesome. Jo Ann and I love everybody here. That they quickly wanted to help, we thoroughly appreciate that,” Beal said.

No official cause for the fire has yet been announced. Beal said the state fire investigator was on his property for three days to determine what happened.

“The investigator likely knows, but hasn’t let loose with that info just yet,” he added.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Shoot to Thrill promises fans of high-voltage rock n’ roll via the swagger of AC/DC July 31 at Riverview Park in Independence.

AC/DC
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sound and spirit of AC/DC.

“Fans have heard the songs a million times and know what to expect,” said Maury Brown, the band’s rhythm guitarist, during a previous interview. “Being as true and exciting to the original recordings and performances as possible, that’s the goal every time.”

For Brown and company, it’s all about the crowd ... and its reaction.

“When you see hundreds or thousands interacting, it’s this great feedback loop,” he said. “The fans fuel us, which fuels them.”

Shoot to Thrill’s appeal reaches far beyond Baby Boomers.

“AC/DC is transcendent,” Brown said. “Their music is heard at every major music event, whether it’s ‘Thunderstruck,’ ‘Hell’s Bells,’ ‘Black is Back,’ or ‘Highway to Hell’. Kids come with mom and dad and connect to the energy.”

BATTLE
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of food, the cost of the economy, it’s having new families come in. They’re struggling and having to come to the food bank.”

She estimates the Dallas Food Bank has 450 unique families each month with 560 visits, allowing them to come twice a month to restock their households.

Nelson added the food bank itself is not receiving the same amount of food it used to, so they’ve had to purchase more food to ensure families get what they need.

“Our food budget has nearly doubled over last year,” said Eileen DiCicco Dallas Food Bank Board Secretary. “Last year it was \$40,000 nearabouts. This year it’s like \$70,000.”

She added families can come in twice a month for protein necessities, like eggs and milk, and can come in for produce anytime the food bank is

open.

To refill the shelves’ items in most demand, the Battle of the Badges competitors were given lists of items to fill their shopping carts. However, this year Thornton added a wrinkle to the proceedings – he added asterisks to each item. The more the asterisks, the higher the demand, requiring a specific number to transfer from the shelves to the carts. And to ensure more accuracy, he removed the three minute time limit from previous competitions.

“So, they have to do a little math this time around,” Thornton said beforehand.

The department had two competitors each. Representing the police were Sgt. Kyle Buchholz and Officer Justen Roberts. The first time competitors for the Fire Squad were EMT/Firefighters Landon Stames and Sam Lierman. Both teams had extras scouting out locations to find the next

item and others standing by with empty carts to swap out the filled ones.

Store checkout clerks bore the responsibility of double checking for each team’s accuracy as the items were scanned.

While the police department turned in their completed shopping carts first, Thornton summarized the overall results that determined the winner. The police department had an extra can of tomato sauce, while the fire department missed tomato sauce from their list and came up short by three cans of Chef Boyardee.

“So, the winner is...” he started to announce.

“The Food Bank!” Nelson interjected.

The totals came to \$682.74 of groceries collected by the Fire Department and \$780.08 for the Police Department.

“Doing this was so much fun,” Thornton said. “We raised over \$1,500 for the food bank today. It’s just going to help hit our lofty goal ... this will put us pretty close to \$10,000.”

He then presented the trophy back to Police Chief Jerry Mott.

Grocery Outlet’s campaign to raise \$15,000 for the Dallas Food Bank runs through the end of the month.



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COUNCILOR
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of the book, “Haunted Independence, Oregon” that detailed the stories of the spirits of the city. She cared deeply for the community she represented according to an administration statement.

“Marilyn was a friend and colleague who loved our community,” said Mayor Kate Schwarzler. “She brought a deep knowledge of Independence history, and I will miss her kindness,

generosity, and perspective. Our community is stronger because of her selfless commitment to the city.”

In addition, Morton worked 14 years for MINET Fiber (Monmouth Independence Network).

“We extend our deepest condolences to Marilyn’s family, friends, and everyone in our community who is grieving her loss,” the administration wrote in a press release. “Her love and dedication to Independence and the people within it will not be forgotten.”

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Two Dallas Fire Department teams light up their hoses as the annual Waterball Tournament gets underway Friday night.



Triton Paddock, 12, puts his arms up in victory after winning the pie eating contest hosted by New Morning Bakery.



Ian Paddock remains undefeated, winning his fifth pie eating competition hosted by New Morning Bakery.



A table of youths enjoy a plate of pancakes, sausage and eggs at the Rotary's Breakfast in the Park.

Dallas Days Delights

PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES

Many events took place during the annual Dallas Days. Here's a look at some images captured during the three-day event July 24-26.



Sophia Harm, 7, takes a bite out of an oversized corn dog sold from a Dallas Days vendor.



A Dallas Rotary volunteer prepares a full cooktop's worth of sausages for their annual Breakfast in the Park.



This 1931 Ford Roadster only looks like its speeding as its owner parks it at the Sunday in the Park Car Show.



Decked out for Dallas Days Parade

PHOTOS BY SMY PHOTOGRAPHY

The Annual Dallas Days Parade took to the streets of downtown Dallas with about 70 entries of floats, cars and organizations participating. Here's a look at some of the images that captured the attention of attendees.



PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1986
Mill contract talks stalled
The future of talks between Willamette Industries and its striking employees was still undecided earlier this week after negotiators at a Friday mediation session in Portland failed to reach an agreement. Willamette negotiators said at the session that they intended to implement their latest contract offer starting Monday, Aug. 4. Union officials are expected to meet sometime this week to choose a course of action.

Dallas PD adjusts to recent changes
After working for more than three months with a short force, Dallas Police Department is adjusting to a new staff alignment and is nearly back to full strength. The department lost Cpl. Ken Morod earlier this year to the U.S. Marshal's Office. Dallas Police Chief Don Pursel decided the exchange offered a chance to examine the department's organization. "Anytime you lose a portion of your supervisory structure, then it's time to take a look at it," Pursel said. "If you're going to restructure the department at all, that's the opportunity to do it."
Dolphin quartet takes first
Tim Carver, Kevin

Dobbs, Alex Farnstrom and Joey Penna of the Blue Dolphins age 9-10 boys relay team took home blue ribbons in both medley and freestyle events at the Seahorse Invitational Swim Meet over the weekend. The two-day event hosted more than 300 swimmers from 15 teams throughout the state. Farnstrom also placed third in the 50-yard backstroke, sixth in the 50-yard freestyle and 12th in the 100-yard freestyle. Penna took fifth in both individual medley and 50 freestyle, seventh in 100 freestyle and ninth in both breaststroke and backstroke. Dobbs took fifth in breaststroke.

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1976
Supplemental funds proposed

The Dallas Budget Committee met in special session Monday night and approved a supplemental increase to the city's 1976-77 budget. The supplemental budget will now go before a public hearing tentatively set for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 23. The supplemental funds were available as a result of a surplus from the 1975-76 fiscal year, a surplus City Manager Howard Brandvold said resulted from departmental heads "tightening their belts." The supplemental additions follow the list of items cut in a budget

committee hearing April 29, "plus a few others," according to Brandvold. Included in the list of items reinstated was \$45,054 to the general fund, with those funds split among 16 separate items.
Youth program meeting goals
The Polk County Youth Employment Program is accomplishing its task of supplying needed jobs for the county's youth, according to Polk County Commissioner Alan Miller. And what's more, the kids agree. The employment program, funded through federal revenue sharing, currently has 90 youths, ages 14-18, working on projects ranging from clerical duties to weed pulling. The bulk of the county youth employment program will extend from its original starting date of July 12 through the end of August. Over \$115,000 in federal revenue sharing funds was earmarked for this project by the Polk County Commissioners to be used during the 1976-77 fiscal year. The greater part of these funds are to go towards labor costs.

Junior Girls Slowpitch team wins state
You say it was a state softball tournament? But there are only three teams involved! Yes it's true. In Oregon, there are just three teams registered with the Amateur Softball Association in girls slowpitch, ages 16-18. On Saturday, July 24, these

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, July 30, 1986: **COSTUME WINNER** - Celebrating with a kiss, June Jones won the Best Individual costume in Krazy Dayz judging last week. Jones, an employee of Ron Terry's International Video, planted a smooch on Betty Terry of the same store. (File I-O photo.)

three teams met at Lyle Field to determine a state champion in this age classification, and the one which would represent Oregon in the National meet in Florida, Aug. 12-15. The three teams in the tournament were Dallas, Valsetz and a team from the eastern Oregon town of Ontario. Dallas won the tournament, defeating Valsetz 9-7, losing to Ontario 12-10 then winning the finale 14-13

Go Figure!									
answers									
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CryptoQuip
answer
What might you call the insolent answers that are given by misbehaving children? Brattitude.

Community Achievement

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED NORTHWEST CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES
The Northwest Conference office recently announced the annual

NWC Scholar Athletes list, naming 220 student-athletes from Linfield University as honorees. The honor is given to student-athletes of NWC institutions who maintain a cumulative grade point

average of 3.50 or higher at the end of the academic year and have participated in the varsity season. Among those honored were the following local students: Trace Benner, of Dallas,

a finance major who competed on the football team. Jayden Taylor, of Monmouth, a mathematics and physics major who competed on the women's track and field team.

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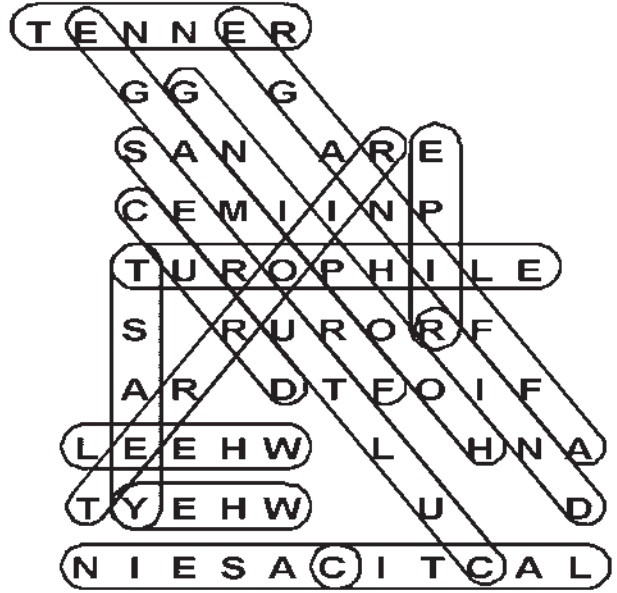


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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:30 a.m. - Little bitty story time, for babies and very young toddler, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

11 a.m. - Paradise of Samoa, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.

11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center

11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center

11:30 p.m. - Summer Reading Program Event: Minecraft in the Park, Dallas City Park

11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center

2 p.m. - Fairy Farm, create your own fairy-sized farm or garden, for ages 5-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecolds St.

4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Music in the Park - Ben Rice & The PDX Hustle, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth

7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, JULY 30

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public

Library, 168 Ecolds St. S.

11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Blood Pressure Checks, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center

3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board meeting

5:30 p.m. - Women’s Bunko Night, \$5 to play, 1079 SE Jefferson St., Dallas

6 p.m. - Name That Tune Music Trivia with Sam, West Valley Taphouse, 957 Main St., Dallas

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Longshore Drift, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6:30 p.m. - Governing with the Consent of the Governed, an Oregon Humanities Conversation Project with facilitator Nick Nash, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, JULY 31

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Writer’s Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library

11 a.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/ Munchies and Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Free Movie and Craft: “Bad Guys 2” and transparent bookmark craft, Dallas

Public Library, 950 Main St.

1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center

2 p.m. - Pollinator Pals, create a garden drinking station, for ages 5-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecolds St.

6 p.m. - Live Music: Rivers Edge Concert Series presents Shoot To Thrill (AC/DC tribute), with opener The Archived (80’s one hit wonders) Independence Amphitheater at Riverview Park

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Generator, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas

6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

8:30 a.m. - Friends of the Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Independence Riverview Farmers Market, top of Riverview Park

9 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Riverview Park, Independence, free

9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St.

1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.

6 p.m. - Live Music: Syco Billy’s String Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

1 p.m. - Live Music: Carrie Price, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, AUG. 3

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life

Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Hand & Foot/Cribbage, Monmouth Senior Community Center

11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Bunko/Tai Chi with Chery/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center

4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center

6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas

6 p.m. - Dallas City Council Work Session, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center

7 p.m. - Independence Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 S Main St.

7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, AUG. 4

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Time, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public library at 950 Main St.

10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Summer Stories and Play, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168

Ecolds St. S.

11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center

4 p.m. - Dallas Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

5:30 p.m. - Dallas Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

6 p.m. - Trivia Night, West Valley Taphouse, 957 S Main St., Dallas

6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:30 a.m. - Little bitty story time, for babies and very young toddler, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center

11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center

11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center

4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Music in the Park - Rose’s Pawn Shop, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth

7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Community Briefs

EOLA HILLS HOSTS PUBLIC PAINT PARTY JULY 30

Eola Hills Wine Sellers hosts a public paint party painting “Grapes of Mirth” presented by Serendipities by Dena, 6-8 p.m. July 30 at 501 S. Pacific Highway, Dallas. No experience required. All supplies and instructions included. Purchase tickets online at <https://serendipitiesbydena.com>.

FALLS CITY PRIDE RETURNS AUG. 1

The Falls City Pride event returns Aug. 1. There will be vendors and activities, performances, games, and something for everyone to enjoy. For a full list of events, go to www.facebook.com/fallscitypride.

WORLD GYM HOSTS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AUG. 1

World Gym celebrates its 50th anniversary with a Charity Golf Tournament at 9 a.m. Aug.

1 at Dallas Golf Club, 11875 Orrs Corner Road. Proceeds are being donated to H2O in Dallas to aid in their extensive efforts to help give back to the community. To sign up, stop by the front desk at World Gym, or email Landon2300g@gmail.com.

COUNTY DEMOCRATS TO HAVE BOOTH AT COUNTY FAIR

The Polk County Democrats invite visitors to the Polk County Fair to stop by their booth which opens at 2 p.m. Aug. 5. The fair then runs every day, through Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. They’ll have voter and candidate information, pins, bumper stickers, yard signs and lively conversation.

DALLAS MOSAIC LADIES HOST BUNCO NIGHT AUG. 6

Dallas Mosaic Ladies host Women’s Bunco Night from 5:30-7:30 p.m Aug. 6 at 1079

SE Jefferson St., in Dallas. The \$5 buy in goes toward prizes. Bring a dish/snack/dessert to share if you want. For more information, text Jenny at (541) 300-8713.

STRUTS AND FRETS PRESENTS TWELFTH NIGHT

The Struts and Frets Theater Company presents Twelfth Night at 7 p.m. Aug. 7-9 and 13-15 at the Main Street Park Amphitheater in Monmouth. The Aug. 14 performance will be ASL interpreted. Admission is free. As it’s ground seating, bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION HOSTS A YOUTH MARKET AUCTION AUG. 8

The Polk County Livestock Association presents a 2026 Youth Market Auction at 10 a.m. Aug. 8 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, at 520 S. Pacific Highway West, in Rickreall. The Polk County 4-H/FFA

Youth Livestock Auction showcases their local 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors and their market projects. Come to the auctions and make a purchase to help young people meet their goals and reward them for all of their hard work.

DDA HOSTS BINGO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE AUG. 11

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a bingo school supply drive at 6 p.m. Aug. 11 at Two Wolves Tap Room, 171 Court St. There is a \$15 buy in and extra black-out cards for school supply donations.

CENTRAL LIONS CLUB HOSTS CRUISE-IN AND CAR SHOW AUG. 15

The 15th Annual Central Lions Club Cruise-In and Car Show is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Independence Riverview Park and Amphitheater in Independence. This family-friendly event

features classic cars, custom builds, hot rods, an awards ceremony, a community breakfast, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing. A \$10 Community Breakfast is from 8-10:30 a.m. An awards ceremony of the top entries is at 2:30 p.m. For more information, go to the Central Lions Club Facebook page.

XTREME DANCE COMPANY HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER AUG. 20

The Xtreme Dance Company hosts an Xtreme Family Bingo Night Fundraiser at 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at 976 S Main St., in Dallas. Grab your family, invite your friends, and join us for a fun night of bingo, prizes, food, and community fun.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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PCIO26-345 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: DONALD ERNEST MARTIN, Deceased. Case No.: 26PB05332 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Cynthia Burton as Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald Ernest Martin, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published July 29, 2026. Cynthia Buron, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com 07/29/26

PCIO26-346 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: ROBERT JAMES BAKER, Deceased. Case No.: 26PB06243 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Wyatt Ivan Baker as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert James Baker, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published July 29, 2026. Wyatt Ivan Baker, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com 07/29/26

PCIO26-347 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 8/19/2026 at 10:00AM. Dustin Schur Unit #077; Laban J Quimby Unit #152; Aaron Hancock Unit #197; Lisa Szabo Unit #3014; Adam Wilson Unit #5025;

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David Rash Unit #602. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 07/29/26, 08/05/26

PCIO26-348 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 8/19/2026 at 10:00AM. Kenya Pettigrew Unit #197; Christine Leek Unit #419. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 07/29/26, 08/05/26

PCIO26-349 Public Notice & Notice of Public Hearing The City Council of Falls City is considering the sale or lease of the former City Hall building and surrounding property (299 Mill Street, Falls City, OR 97344). As a new City Hall building has been identified and is currently under operational use, the former City Hall building and property has been deemed surplus to the organization (May 4, 2026). The building is zoned Commercial-Residential, and thus may be sold or leased for residential or commercial purposes. The nature of the proposed sale and the general terms thereof, including an appraisal or other evidence of the market value of the property, shall be fully disclosed by the City Council at the public hearing. A meeting will be held by the City Council at 6:00 p.m. on August 3, 2026, at the Falls City Community Center, 320 N. Main, Falls City, Oregon, 97344. This meeting can be attended via remote access, the link and phone number are on the City of Falls City website at <https://www.fallscityoregon.gov/> The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Jeremy Teal at 503-787-3631 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. 07/29/26

PCIO26-337 PUBLICATION FOR: POLK COUNTY, OREGON IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO ERIC D. MERCIER, alleged father IRIS MERCIER; DOB: 12/15/2010; Cause No. 26-7-00294-4; A Dependency Petition was filed 4/17/26; ERIC D. MERCIER, alleged father MILES MERCIER; DOB: 1/11/2009; Cause No. 26-7-00293-6; A Dependency Petition was filed 4/17/26; AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: A Fact Finding Hearing will be held on this matter on: August 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at Pierce County Family and Juvenile Court, 5501 6th Avenue, Tacoma WA 98406. You are summoned to appear at the hearing on the date, time, and place set forth above. The court expects you to appear in person unless there are extenuating circumstances

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that prevent you from being able to do so. If appearing by zoom participate at <https://zoom.us/join> or call 253-215-8782 using Zoom Meeting ID 921 9561 1785, Passcode 444705. YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING. THE HEARING WILL DETERMINE IF YOUR CHILD IS DEPENDENT AS DEFINED IN RCW 13.34.030(6). THIS BEGINS A JUDICIAL PROCESS WHICH COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT LOSS OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING THE COURT MAY ENTER A DEPENDENCY ORDER IN YOUR ABSENCE. To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, call DCYF at 1-800-423-6246. To view information about your rights in this proceeding, go to www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx. 07/22/26, 07/29/26, 08/05/26

PCIO26-335 NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED MANUFACTURED HOME Greenway Estates MHC-LP, its agents and managers, will sell the below-described manufactured home by private sealed bid for the highest offered received. The manufactured home has been abandoned. The manufactured home tenant and owner are described below. Bids for cash payment will be accepted until 9:00 am, August 3, 2026. Interested parties may contact landlord/manager Greenway Estates MHC-LP c/o Amy and Buddy Chick by phone at 503-623-8241 or by mail c/o Gardner Beckley Meadows, LLC at 975 Oak Street, Suite 625, Eugene, Oregon 97401 for the following manufactured home described as: Manufacturer: GUERDON; Year: 1977; Model: STATLER; Serial: 7027-A, and 7027-B; Home ID No.: 214190; located at 450 LaCreole Drive SE, Space #120, Dallas, Oregon 97338; owners: Personal Representative of the Estate of Bernard Lewis, Heirs, Devisees, and Interested Parties, and Bernard Lewis. 07/22/26, 07/29/26

PCIO26-336 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: PARTIES: Grantor: , JOANNE K. HOFFSTETTER Trustee: , FIRST AMERICAN TITLE Successor Trustee: , NANCY K. CARY Beneficiary: , SHERRAE M. VAUPEL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property is described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 2, in Henry Hill's Town of Independence, Polk County, Oregon; thence South along the East line of said Block 2, a distance of 104.0 feet; thence West a distance of 148 ½ feet to the alley; thence North a distance of 104.0 feet to the North line of said Block 2; thence East a distance of 148 1/2 feet to the place of beginning and being a part of Lot 2 and all of Lot 1 in said Block 2. RECORDING.

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The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Date Recorded: March 10, 2021 Recording No. 2021-004336 Official Records of Polk County, Oregon DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to pay: Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,089.10 each, due the tenth of each month, for the months of April 2025 through March 2026; plus late charges and advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes or liens, plus interest. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$107,890.46; plus interest at the rate of 11.990% per annum from March 10, 2025; plus late charges of \$647.52; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Trustee hereby states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. A Trustee's Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Terms of Trust Deed has been recorded in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon. TIME OF SALE. Date: , September 17, 2026 Time: , 11:00 a.m. Place: , Polk County Courthouse, Front Entrance, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five days before the Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS (This notice is required for notices of sale sent on or after January 1, 2015.) Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. You may reach the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org>. Any questions regarding

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this matter should be directed to Lisa Summers, Paralegal, (541) 686-0344 (TS #31564.19). DATED: April 8, 2026. Nancy K. Cary, Successor Trustee, Hershner Hunter, LLP, P.O. Box 1475, Eugene, OR 97440. 07/15/26, 07/22/26, 07/29/26, 08/05/26

PCIO26-326 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Loan No.: 1021333128 T.S. No.: 25-14401 Reference is made to that certain deed made by, ANDRES BAROCIO as Grantor to KEVIN P. MORAN, as trustee, in favor of FIGURE LENDING LLC, as Beneficiary, dated 9/17/2020, recorded 9/23/2020, in official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2020-013790 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 06701-CC-06000 I 549293 LOT 58, PIONEER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF WILLAMINA, COUNTY OF POLK STATE OF OREGON. Property Commonly known as: 1312 SW PONDEROSA DR, WILLAMINA, Oregon 97396 Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's: Borrowers failure to pay the full amount due on 9/23/2025, constituting a default under the terms of the loan documents. By this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$9,439.33 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.75 % per annum from 2/23/2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 11/24/2026 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at At the main entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default

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occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. For Sale Information Call: (949) 776-4697 website: <https://prestigepostandpub.com> For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 6/16/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-006734 07/08/26, 07/15/26, 07/22/26, 07/29/26 days before the date last set for sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. For Sale Information Call: (866) 539-4173 website: <https://www.servicelink.auction.com> For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 6/16/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-006710 07/01/26, 07/08/26, 07/15/26, 07/22/26

PUBLIC RECORD

Information for the report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of arrests reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, JULY 16
Alarm: Officers investigated an alarm at a business and found it secure. An employee on-site confirmed there were no issues.
Welfare Check: A caller reported an unknown individual lying in an apartment complex parking lot. Responders searched the area on foot and by vehicle but were unable to locate the individual or anyone in distress.
Suspicious Activity: A resident reported multiple illegal fireworks being set off. Officers spoke with

the individuals involved, who were cooperative and possessed only small fireworks. They were educated on current fire dangers and local regulations.
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle: A vehicle owner reported an unknown male sleeping in his car. Officers arrived, contacted the male, and determined he did not have permission to be there. He was arrested and transported to the county jail.
Medical Emergency: Officers responded to a residence for a report of an unresponsive elderly resident. Despite performing life-saving measures, the individual was confirmed deceased.
Fraud: A resident reported being misled into providing a large sum of money to an acquaintance who claimed to be experiencing financial and medical hardship before ceasing communication.
Suspicious Activity: An individual alleged that a phone was stolen during a dispute at a park. Officers

searched, but no evidence of a crime or the missing item was found.
Arrest: An individual was taken into custody on an outstanding court warrant.
Sex Offense: A report was made regarding inappropriate contact with a minor that allegedly occurred months prior in a different jurisdiction. The caller was advised on how to handle the report with the appropriate county office.
Domestic Dispute: A report of two individuals arguing and physically struggling over a backpack. No charges were pursued by the involved parties, and they separated.
Menacing: A report of an individual brandishing a knife at a park. The individual admitted to the action, citing social pressure, and was officially trespassed from the park for 30 days.
Fraud: An individual reported unauthorized use of their information to purchase a phone on a

financing plan.
Emotionally Disturbed Person: A caller reported concerns about a vehicle that appeared to be stalking her. This was identified as a recurring pattern of reports consistent with previous mental health-related incidents.
Crash: Officers assisted another agency with a single-vehicle accident where a car had driven into a field.
FRIDAY, JULY 17
Driving Complaint: Reports of an erratic driver swerving at varying speeds. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.
Traffic Assistance: Officers assisted a resident with unlocking a vehicle.
Welfare Check: Officers followed up on an individual with previous mental health concerns. They confirmed that the individual was safely in a treatment facility.
Harassment: A resident reported an assault and threats of violence from an acquaintance. The

investigation into these allegations is ongoing.
Found Property: A drone was discovered and turned in.
Civil Dispute: A caller requested assistance regarding a child custody disagreement. Advice was provided to consult the courts, as no criminal activity had occurred.
Welfare Check: A concern regarding children playing in a park was reported. Officers verified the children were safe and the parents were aware of their location.
Suspicious Activity: A report was made about an individual watching children. An investigation determined no criminal activity had taken place.
Driving Under the Influence: An impaired driver was stopped and arrested. A specialist confirmed the driver was under the influence of substances.
SATURDAY, JULY 18
Driving Complaint: Officers responded to a report of possibly

impaired drivers leaving a gathering. One driver was stopped for traffic violations, but no impairment was detected.
Suspicious Activity: Officers investigated an allegation of forced substance consumption. The involved party did not wish to pursue a report or charges.
Citizen Contact: An argument between neighbors was reported. No intervention was necessary as the situation had de-escalated.
Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual attempted self-harm via medication. Officers performed a safety check, and the individual was later transported to a hospital for further care.
Welfare Check: A custody dispute was reported. Officers verified the child was safe with the other parent.
Suspicious Activity: A discarded needle was found at a public location and disposed of safely.

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Missing Property: A report of a lost wallet was filed.

Driving Complaint: A report of a reckless motorcycle driver. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Suspicious Activity: A report of backyard burning was confirmed to be a routine outdoor grill.

Harassment: An individual was reported for following others. Officers provided a caution to the individual regarding their behavior.

Disturbance: A verbal dispute between neighbors. Both parties were advised to maintain distance.

Arrest: An individual was arrested for violating a protective order.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Animal: A lost dog was located and returned to its owner.

Crime: Property damage involving eggs thrown at a house. Investigation is pending.

Animal: A loose dog was reported. The owner secured the animal.

Crash: An electric scooter collided with a parked vehicle. The rider sustained minor injuries and was transported for medical attention.

Animal: Another lost dog was safely returned to its owner.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual contacted emergency services regarding access to firearms. No action was taken as the situation was not an immediate threat.

Domestic Dispute: A report of yelling was investigated, but the situation could not be verified upon arrival.

Found Property: A phone left at a business was returned to the owner.

Citizen Contact: An inquiry was made regarding a business card left at a residence.

Trespass: An individual was reported yelling at employees at a business. The individual was officially trespassed from the property.

Noise Complaint: A dispute regarding neighbor noise was addressed. Officers gave advice to contact management.

Noise Complaint: Officers responded to a report of loud music, but the situation was resolved before they arrived.

Welfare Check: A report of juveniles asking for water. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate them.

Assist Other Agency: Officers assisted another agency with a domestic dispute.

MONDAY, JULY 20

Assist Other Agency: A specialist performed an evaluation on a driver suspected of impairment. It was determined the driver was under the influence of central nervous system depressants and was unfit to operate a vehicle.

Towing: A vehicle was repossessed and logged into the system.

Ordinance Violation/ Tow: A vehicle was towed for violating a seven-day parking ordinance. An inventory of the vehicle was completed.

Driving: A discussion was held with a resident regarding local regulations and safety concerns for small electric scooters and motorbikes, which have been increasing in frequency.

Found Property: A mobility scooter was

located on private property. The owner was identified, and the scooter was successfully returned to them.

Missing Property: A report was filed regarding a lost debit card and identification.

Citizen Contact: Officers followed-up investigating reports of a suspicious vehicle lingering in parking lots at night and flashing lights. A resident was advised on reporting procedures.

Information: An alert was issued for a wanted individual considered armed and dangerous in connection with a homicide investigation.

Found Property: A wallet found in the street was turned in. The owner was contacted and successfully retrieved it.

Welfare Check: A report was made concerning an individual stumbling and falling near a building. Responders searched the area but were unable to locate the person.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A report was investigated regarding an individual sending concerning messages about self-harm. The individual was contacted, confirmed to be safe, and clarified the photos were of old injuries.

Protective Order Hold: An individual attempted self-harm by opening previous wounds. The individual was transported to a mental health facility for safety.

Found Property: Another wallet was found and returned to the owner.

Suspicious Activity: A report was made concerning an unknown individual knocking on a door repeatedly before leaving. Responders searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Information: Outreach centers confirmed that walk-in assessments for housing needs are now available for those seeking assistance.

Citizen Contact: A resident reported receiving a scam call claiming they missed jury duty and needed to pay a fine.

Missing Property: A report was filed for a lost digital storage drive.

Harassment: A resident reported receiving threatening text messages demanding money. It was identified as a scam, and the resident was advised to block the sender.

Assist Other Agency: Support was provided for the arrest of an individual violating a protective order.

Driving: A report was made regarding a black vehicle driving recklessly. Responders were unable to locate the vehicle.

Driving: A report was made regarding an erratic sport utility vehicle driving over the center line. The driver was contacted and warned regarding vehicle control.

Fireworks: A report was made concerning fireworks being set off in a field. The individuals involved had left the area prior to the arrival of responders.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Suspicious Activity: A report was investigated regarding children riding scooters without supervision. The situation was found to be normal.

Traffic Stop: A driver was stopped for a traffic violation. During the stop, it was discovered the driver was carrying a firearm. Because the firearm was not being carried in violation of the law, no

crime was committed, and the driver was released after a warning.

Harassment: A neighbor dispute involving yelling and the throwing of small rocks was reported. An apology was offered, and the reporting party declined to pursue charges.

Alarm: A smoke alarm was reported at a local institution. The facility confirmed it was a known issue and that no emergency response was necessary.

Harassment: A report was filed regarding stalking and unwanted contact. The incident was documented as requested.

Suspicious Activity: A report was made concerning a male watching park activities. Responders searched, but were unable to locate the individual.

Disturbance: A physical dispute involving the ownership of a bicycle was reported. No physical evidence or injuries were noted.

Trespass: A male was found on a private patio. He was instructed to leave and was formally trespassed from the property.

Domestic Dispute: A verbal disturbance occurred between former spouses. No physical altercation took place.

Crime: A violation of a protective order was reported regarding a verbal insult.

Animal: A report of a resident bitten by a dog while attempting to protect another animal. A formal bite report was filed, and the owner was advised on quarantine requirements.

Driving: A report was made regarding a vehicle speeding and swerving. Responders searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

At 12:48 a.m., deputies investigated an alarm triggered by motion at a location on Bethel Heights Road. They located many doors unlocked on multiple buildings on the property and cleared the buildings but did not locate anything out of place or signs of entry.

At 1:52 a.m., a deputy stopped Destini Mackadams for trespassing in the 200 block of Glenn Creek Road. Mackadams had four outstanding warrants out of Klamath County and was a missing person. She also stated she recently used fentanyl. She was transported to Salem Hospital before Polk County Jail. While jail deputies inventoried Mackadams' possessions, they located lots of drug paraphernalia. They also located a large knife which Mackadams is not supposed to have. She faced additional charges after leaving the hospital.

At 1:17 p.m., deputies received an area alert for a stolen Honda Accord. They searched the Wallace Road area where they were but were unable to locate the vehicle.

At 3:34 p.m., a motorist was stopped and cited for driving while suspended - violation and for driving uninsured.

At 3:33 p.m., a resident on May Road called the sheriff's office to confirm the phone call she got from "Lieutenant John" was a scam. A deputy confirmed it was.

At 10:22 p.m., a deputy located a vehicle on the side of Highway 22 with hazards on. The female driver was having medical

issues and was later transported to West Valley Hospital.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

At 12:01 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for speeding 71 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and was warned for speeding.

At 12:06 a.m., deputies came upon a vehicle on Highway 22 with a dead battery. They grabbed a jump box and got the vehicle running.

At 3:01 a.m., deputies investigated a report of four juveniles walking along Highway 18. They initially said they were heading to a friend's house and their parents knew where they were. After a fifth juvenile arrived, deputies identified them all. After multiple lies, deputies located and contacted parents/guardians. No adults were aware of the kiddos being gone. Four juveniles were picked up by their parents. A deputy provided a ride for one juvenile to his grandmother's residence.

At 6:54 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding 76 mph in a 55-mph zone on Zena Road. The driver had an odor of alcohol on his breath and admitted to having a drink the previous evening. The driver consented to and passed a field sobriety test. He was warned for speeding and released.

At 7:28 a.m., a motorist was stopped for an expired registration sticker. The driver was cited for expired tags and no insurance.

At 9:11 a.m., a deputy witnessed a motorist fail to obey a stop sign, hitting another vehicle on Kings Valley Highway. The second driver was shaken up but ultimately refused transport to a hospital. OSP showed up and took over the investigation.

At 9:35 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a vehicle almost hitting a traffic sign and being unable to maintain lanes. The deputy located the vehicle and recognized the driver who he had recently cited and released on a failure to appear warrant. The subject said he had been speeding to try and get to court on time. The deputy confirmed the subject's court date was today. He released him, giving him warnings for speeding and not having his driver's license on him.

At 12:45 p.m., deputies arrested Esperanza Washington on Kings Valley Highway and charged her with disorderly conduct 2 and indecent exposure.

At 3:10 p.m., deputies conducting an area check on Edgewater Street spoke to Thomas German and Joseph McKinney down on the trail closer to Highway 22. German was cited and released on an outstanding failure to appear warrant out of Marion County. McKinney was arrested on an outstanding warrant and was transported to Polk County Jail.

At 7:03 p.m., Sylvester McKinley was formally trespassed from a location on Kings Valley Highway.

At 9:47 p.m., a deputy contacted two subjects on Eagle Crest Road, telling them they were trespassing and to not return.

At 10:12 p.m., a deputy investigated a report that a female subject looked like she was stumbling while running on the side of Eagle Crest Road in the dark. Upon further investigation, the deputy found she was clearly dressed

for running and was out for a jog. The deputy suggested she wear some reflective clothing so she doesn't get killed.

At 10:30 p.m., a motorist reported another vehicle was brake checking him, along with swerving and passing illegally. The vehicle was described as a blue "Scooby Doo" van heading east on Highway 22. A deputy located the vehicle near the Highway 51/Highway 22 intersection. The van crossed the center and fog lines multiple times, as well as swerving within the lane. The deputy stopped the vehicle near mile marker 24 and contacted the driver who spoke in a slowed and slurred manner. Oregon State Police arrived on scene and took the motorist into custody for driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 10:58 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a vehicle doing circles in a field off Falls City Highway. Upon arrival, the deputy learned this was a crash that occurred off Highway 194 and the driver just drove around in circles trying to find the road again. The deputy waited for Oregon State Police to arrive and stayed on scene until no longer needed.

At 11:32 p.m., a motorist on Clow Corner Road was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

At 8:01 a.m., a resident reported while walking her dog on Highland Road, a neighbor's dog ran out and bit her dog, giving it a puncture wound. A deputy is investigating.

At 8:12 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 9:05 a.m., deputies responded to a two vehicle crash on Highway 22 near Cafe 22. One driver had a minor injury and both vehicles needed to be towed. A deputy assisted Oregon State Police until no longer needed and then cleared the scene.

At 9:34 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a male subject parked and "looking sketchy" near Kirkhams Fields on Steel Bridge Road. The deputy found the subject wasn't doing anything wrong.

At 11:03 a.m., deputies responded to a report of potential animal neglect on Alder Street after someone reported seeing ducks/chickens kept in a small dog kennel without food or water. The deputy found a large chain link dog kennel with two ducks and one chicken. The animals' water was dirty as ducks tend to keep their water and a second water container nearby. No potential crime for neglect.

At 12:05 p.m., deputies investigated a domestic disturbance on Bridge Street in Falls City where a female subject reported a male subject was preventing her from leaving the property. The deputies found the male subject likely moved his truck and a pile of dirt near the female subject's car to prevent her from leaving. During the investigation they found meth on the female subject, Tammy Ross. She was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 3:01 p.m., a resident on Liberty Road reported a blocked caller calling him claiming he had missed jury duty and he was either going to go to jail or have to do

community service. A deputy explained it was a common scam happening lately.

At 3:15 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident on Falls City Road. A special needs subject was learning to drive and accidentally drove into the ditch after turning onto Falls City Road. The passenger was the registered owner and arranged a tow.

At 5:54 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a fight on Jefferson Street in Dallas the previous night. Security tape showed both subjects exchanging blows. As Jeremiah Robles was the instigator in the fight, he was charged with harassment.

At 5:27 p.m., a male subject reported his 2002 Chevy Duramax was stolen from storage on Enterprise Road. He was still making payments to the registered owner. The manager of the storage location confirmed the car has been missing since late 2025 and assumed it had been moved by the reporting subject. It was entered into the stolen vehicle database.

At 9:30 p.m., a juvenile reported while playing tackle football at a birthday party in a backyard on Pacific Highway, he was hit by a second juvenile in the head, face and chest. The victim said the suspect stated, "This is what you get for being a pedophile." Deputies did not observe any marks or bruises where he said he got punched. A witness on scene corroborated the witness's claims. Polk County Juvenile Department was contacted and they advised to refer the case to them.

At 10:34 p.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was cited for reckless driving after almost hitting pedestrians in a crosswalk.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

At 12:45 a.m., a deputy responded to assist Salem Police in a stabbing investigation in a park off Glen Creek Road. The deputy .Located the stab victim and applied a couple tourniquets before getting him loaded up in Salem Police's ATV. The deputy .aAlso located a possible knife used in the stabbing. The stabbing suspect was not located by the time the crime scene was broken down.

At 8:38 a.m., a motorist on Independence Highway was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:12 a.m., a deputy dispatched a vehicle-struck deer on Orchard Heights Road.

At 10:23 a.m., a report of a dog locked in a truck in a driveway in the 8400 block of Buena Vista Road. The registered owner reported his key fob had been inside the truck on the center console. He believes his dog stepped on the fob, locking the doors. He has AAA on the way to assist. He also covered the truck with a wet blanket to keep the vehicle cooled off.

At 11:08 a.m., a resident on Lewis Street in Falls City reported her neighbor's dogs trespassed on her property, barking aggressively, and chased her husband around. The dog owner faces a public nuisance citation.

At 12:22 p.m., a deputy dispatched a fawn on Mitchell Street in Falls City with a broken leg then relocated it to the side of the street off the complainant's property.

At 1:48 p.m., Oregon State Police requested a

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PCSO deputy investigate a report of an awning damaged by a motorist at a market on Grand Ronde Road. The deputy didn't see any damage to the awning and passed the report on to OSP.

At 3:34 p.m., a deputy found a dog on Shady Lane Road and lodged it at the County Kennel w/ food and water, blanket, and access to restroom.

At 4:53 p.m., a resident on Finn Road reported trespassers had been stealing items from her property over the last few weeks, including an Orange Kaboda mower worth \$7,000 to \$8,000, a leather driving harness for a horse and a work harness worth about \$1,500 to \$2,000 each. A house on the north end of the property had also been ransacked. The resident suspected items stolen from there, too, but didn't have a list yet. She suspects the thieves were homeless persons as local residents have had issues in the past with transients going across their properties.

At 7:02 p.m., a resident on Ladd Street reported finding a deformed bullet on his front steps. The complainant gave the bullet to a deputy, stating it looks like it scratched his concrete step, but there was no damage to his vehicles or house. He had no other suspect information.

At 7:41 p.m., a resident on Wallace Road reported his concern that his niece was being exposed to unattended firearms in the home. A deputy contacted the complainant's brother. He stated the firearms were unloaded and he has taught his daughter firearms safety and they shoot on the property once a week. The deputy reminded the father to be sure to secure his firearms when children are around, regardless of their training with them.

At 8:48 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 11:25 p.m., deputies investigated a report that a male subject wanted to kill his mother on Wallace Road. As the threat occurred in Keizer, deputies arrived at the residence before the suspect. The mother was fine and didn't know why deputies were there. They spoke with the suspect after he arrived from a friend's house, recovering from being extremely intoxicated. The suspect was asked if he had any weapons on him and to keep his hands out of his pockets. He told deputies he had a pistol and removed it unprompted from his right waist. The gun was quickly removed from him and placed into a deputy's car. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

At 1:31 a.m., deputies came upon two males fighting off Kings Valley Highway. A juvenile was referred for disorderly conduct 2 and the adult was cited and released for disorderly conduct 2.

At 2:47 a.m., deputies came across an occupied vehicle with severe crash damage to the front parked on the side of Frizzell Road. Based off of the hair on the front of the vehicle it appears to have hit a deer. Deputies searched the area but could not locate the driver

nor the deer. The vehicle was towed as a hazard.

At 5:40 a.m., deputies took over a DUII investigation from Salem Police involving a motorist on Highway 22.

At 11:12 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a lost hiker. He hiked along the river bank near K&D and got lost. He reported he was not injured, just tired and lost. They found him and escorted him out. He did not need medical attention, but was warned his was on private property. He understood and left.

At 1:53 p.m., a resident on Richardson Road reported he had not seen his wife in a while since she left the residence to walk their dogs. After deputies arrived, a roommate called to report he found the wife on one of their walking trails. She was fine and didn't need medical attention.

At 6:34 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle crash on Liberty Road. The first deputy who arrived on

scene observed the driver slumped over and drooling. She stated she took 10 muscle relaxers when she is supposed to take on 2-3. She added she was trying to die and this was intentional. Medics intubated and transported her to Salem Hospital.

At 8:40 p.m., deputies responded to assist Dallas Police with foot pursuit. A juvenile suspect was located on Uglow Avenue after a short foot chase was arrested on a Polk County warrant and a new charge of escape 3. He was lodged at Yamhill County Juvenile Detention.

MONDAY, JULY 20

At 7:22 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

At 7:44 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was stopped for dark tint on the driver's window. The driver was cited for no operator's license.

At 8:42 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was

stopped for speeding. The driver was driving with an ID card only. She was issued a citation for speeding 77 mph in a 55-mph zone and for no operator's license.

At 9:16 a.m., a motorist on Oak Grove Road reported their car was damaged by some white material spilled in the road. A deputy gave the driver a number to a nearby farm where the spill may have originated. Since there were no traffic cams, the deputy was unable to tell if the spill was from this farm or not.

At 10:10 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for no operator's license. She stated she would get a ride.

At 10:33 a.m., a resident on Comanche Court reported in an ongoing dispute with his neighbor, she had dumped out a garbage can on his property and that he had the incident on video. While talking with deputies, she essentially denied involvement but did not want to answer any questions. She

was cited for offensive littering.

At 8:07 p.m., a deputy observed a vehicle on the shoulder of northbound Highway 99 south of Clow Corner Road. The driver exited the vehicle quickly and attended a female laying on her back in the shoulder. The female subject had lacerations to her face and scalp and road rash to her arms and legs. She told the deputy she was carpooling to work when she started vomiting. She opened the door to vomit outside the vehicle and tumbled out of the car and onto the roadway at somewhere between 30-45 mph. Medics arrived to check her out and she declined transport. The deputy observed no signs of intoxication nor assaultive behavior. The two promised to go to the hospital by private vehicle to get her checked out.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

At 4:46 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for

driving uninsured.

At 5:05 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a dog struck on Prather Road. The deputy found the dog, with a female subject. The dog, an older black lab, appeared to have a broken leg and slight blood around the mouth. They contacted the owner's dog. She arrived and took the dog to the vet.

At 11:54 a.m., a resident on Guthrie Road reported the theft of a Republic 35-gallon garbage can, valued at \$75. There was no suspect information.

At 11:46 p.m., a deputy came upon two vehicles on Helmick Road. Two subjects were parked on the gravel shoulder, ghost hunting and were aware of the cemetery closure after dark. They pointed out a second vehicle that had driven into the cemetery. The driver of the second car was sleeping in his car, stating relationship issues. He was warned for trespassing, registering the vehicle and failing to carry proof of insurance.

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Oregonians won’t vote in November on whether to ban hunting, fishing, livestock farming and animal research after backers of a widely criticized initiative failed to gather enough valid signatures to make the ballot.

The Oregon Secretary of State’s Office announced late Friday afternoon that it had determined Initiative Petition 28, an effort led by Portland-based vegan advocates to dramatically expand the state’s animal cruelty laws, had less than 75% of the valid signatures it needed from Oregon voters to make it onto the November ballot.

Oregonians trying to pass laws through a state-wide vote need to collect signatures from 6% of voters who cast ballots in the last gubernatorial



Members of the Yakama Nation harvest Pacific lamprey at Wilumpt, or Willamette Falls, near Oregon City on June 24, 2026. The lamprey are an ancient and culturally significant species for many Northwest tribes. Fishing would have been banned under an initiative that failed to gather sufficient signatures to make the November ballot. (Alex Baumhardt / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

election. This year, that’s 117,173 signatures.

Backers of the animal cruelty initiative, who did not immediately return a call for comment Friday, reported handing in 142,784 signatures. But

through two statistical samples, state election officials determined that just 104,262 of those signatures matched individual Oregon voters’ signature records. Election officials compare

signatures submitted to voter records and exclude duplicates.

Initiative Petition 28 would have banned nearly all harming or killing animals, with exceptions for self-defense and veterinary care. It would not have applied to insects, which aren’t considered animals under Oregon law, but would cover all other non-human creatures.

The initiative had widespread opposition from Democratic and Republican political leaders, the farming, ranching and fishing industries and Oregon’s federally recognized tribes, whose treaty-protected rights to hunt and fish in their traditional land would not have been exempted from the ban.

A coalition opposing the initiative welcomed the news. Lauren Kuenzi, government affairs

director at the Oregon Farm Bureau and a coalition spokesperson, thanked Oregonians who raised alarms about the potential consequences of the proposed law.

“Today’s announcement means Oregonians will not be faced with a ballot measure that would have made criminals out of law-abiding citizens, threatened family farms and ranches, increased food costs and undermined the science-based wildlife management that protects our state’s natural resources,” Kuenzi said.

This was the third election cycle that animal rights advocates have introduced a version of the initiative, and the closest they’ve come to making the ballot. The campaign raised more than \$300,000 for its efforts this time around, state campaign finance

records show, allowing it to pay petition circulators.

None of the other 88 initiatives Oregonians proposed this year submitted enough signatures, so this will be the first general election in decades without a citizen-led initiative on the ballot.

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Oregon for first time considers charging use fees for undersea cables

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The Oregon Department of State Lands is proposing for the first time to charge multinational telecommunications and tech companies for using the seafloor off the state’s Pacific Coast for fiber-optic cables used to transmit internet data and international calls.

Since 1989, when Oregon got its first trans-Pacific fiber optic cable spanning from Pacific City to Alaska to Japan, the state lands department has only mandated companies pay an application fee that, since 2001, has been frozen at \$5,000.

Now, Oregon could join its West Coast neighbors in California and Washington in requiring companies also pay compensation fees based in part on the amount of cable extending along the states’ near-coast seabed. The proposal, which could bring in millions of dollars, comes as the tech industry has made Oregon a hot spot for data centers and among the top 10 states for housing massive server farms.

The Oregon lands department is proposing tripling new application fees from \$5,000 to \$15,000, increasing application renewals from \$5,000 to \$7,500 while extending the renewal period from 20 years to

25 years and charging a one-time compensation fee of \$3 per foot of fiber optic cable laid within the 3 miles of coastal, “territorial seas” that the state has jurisdiction over.

That could bring in more than \$1 million per new cable laid, according to Dana Hicks, a planning and policy manager at the department.

The application fees would help the agency cover the costs of technical reviews, surveys, inspections, public outreach and other coordination and administrative work while the compensation fees would flow to the Common School Fund and Oregon’s public K-12 schools.

The department is also proposing new rules requiring companies to submit more information in their applications, including plans for replacing or decommissioning the cable infrastructure and for responding to emergencies, such as the anticipated Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.

The public can submit comments about the proposed fee and rules changes through Aug. 3, or attend one of two remaining in-person meetings held by the department in Newport and Seaside on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, or a virtual meeting Thursday. A meeting in North Bend took place Monday.



Ten of the 16 undersea fiber-optic cables permitted off of Oregon's Coast are in areas in Tillamook County, pictured here. (Mia Maldonado / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

The State Land Board, made up of Gov. Tina Kotek, Secretary of State Tobias Read and State Treasurer Elizabeth Steiner, will vote on the rules at one of its monthly meetings before the end of the year.

There are 16 active undersea cables off Oregon’s Coast, transmitting internet data and international calls via pulses of light through thin glass fibers packed in cords about 3 inches in diameter.

The bulk of the state’s undersea leases for cables were permitted in recent years. The state approved three new easements for cables in the 1990s, which grew to 13 in the last two decades and two in just the last few years, Hicks said. Most connect Asian countries

with American tech and telecommunications companies.

A boom in new data centers in Oregon spurred by the state’s lack of sales tax and enterprise zone tax incentives that have saved multi-billion-dollar companies like Amazon, Google and Microsoft hundreds of millions of dollars in property taxes during the last two decades are among the reasons for more cable in recent years. All three companies have an ownership stake in undersea cables off the Oregon Coast, and representatives from Google and Amazon were on the state’s committee tasked with providing input on the rules.

Other factors include Hillsboro being one of just two places on the West Coast where landing

stations bring the cables even further inland. The other is in Los Angeles, which has higher electricity prices and more regulatory burdens. California charges companies annual rent fees for their fiber-optic cables based on the value of the property and the length of the cable, with fees generally coming out to about \$5 per foot.

The new updates to Oregon’s rules and fees come in response to a 2020 incident in which a Facebook subsidiary executed a disastrous new cable construction project off the coast at Tierra Del Mar. Workers broke drilling equipment while boring into the seafloor and were unable to retrieve it, ultimately abandoning 1,100 feet of pipe and 6,500 gallons of drill

fluid in the ocean. State regulators didn’t find out about the incident until county officials alerted them two months later.

A year later, the drilling caused another leak, followed by two sinkholes along the cable route. The company paid \$250,000 to the state lands department for the earlier breaches and about \$135,700 for permission to leave the broken equipment in the ocean for 50 years.

In 2021, state lawmakers passed a bill requiring an advisory council propose updates to the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan, which governs regulations over Oregon’s seafloor. It had not been updated in more than two decades. Those updates came in 2023, which set off new rule-making processes, including the now-proposed updates to fees and rules for undersea cables.

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State forest management plan approved

The Oregon Board of Forestry has approved a new Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan (FMP).

The long-term plan, along with locally-focused, shorter-term implementation and operation plans, ensures state forests provide the social, economic and environmental benefits required of state forestlands.

The new plan is aligned with the expected approval of the submitted Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) by the federal services later this year or in early 2027. The

board’s approval stipulates that the new FMP is to become effective once ODF receives an approved HCP and incidental take permits from the federal services.

“This plan, when implemented along with the HCP, will provide economic certainty for timber harvests, environmental protections and enhancements, and continued recreational opportunities for all who depend on, use, and care about Oregon’s state forests,” ODF State Forests Division Chief Mike Wilson said.

The new FMP has been in development since

2018, and Wilson has been involved with the effort from the start.

“Developing a plan like this over such a long timeframe not only requires immense dedication from ODF staff, but an enormous amount of outreach and collaboration,” Wilson said. “Our county partners, tribes, other state agencies, stakeholders and the general public have been essential in crafting a plan that would be compatible with an HCP and still provide decision space for the board and department to manage our state forestlands into the future.”

When effective, the new FMP will replace the 2010 Northwest and Southwest FMPs and the 2011 Elliott State Forest FMP. (The Elliott FMP still governs the management of Board of Forestry parcels adjacent to the Elliott State Research Forest.) While state forests management is still government by the current FMP and associated implementation and annual operating plans, the board’s decision gives ODF the clarity to move forward with crafting new plans for fiscal year 2028 that provide more specific management objectives and operational details.

For more about the management of state forests see ODF’s website.

The Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan under review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries, provides an integrated, collaborative, ecosystem-based approach to species conservation across the landscape and will ideally result in the department being issued incidental take permits (ITPs) for 15 species of wildlife and fish.

The conservation measures in the HCP are designed to offset

potential impacts from forest management, while the ITPs ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Together, the plan and permits provide a more holistic, cost-effective approach to ESA compliance, while also creating more certainty around the long-term financial viability of managing state forests for economic benefits. Learn more about the HCP at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/aboutodf/pages/hcp-initiative.aspx>

The Oregon Board of Forestry approved the plan in a 5-2 vote July 22.